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TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON PLANS TO VISIT TO JIDDA AND RIYADH AT CONVENIENT TIME SHORTLY AFTER HIS PARTICIPATION IN PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPCON. PRINCIPAL PURPOSES WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON ON OPEC-CONSUMER ISSUES IN PREPARATION FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONFERENCE AND TO FURTHER YOUR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CLOSE COOPERATION WITH PRINCE FAHD. ALSO WISH TO TAKE UP TOPICS WITH GOVERNOR QURAISHI WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR MEETING HERE THAT WAS ABORTED BY KING'S ASSASSINATION.

2. REQUEST AMBASSADOR'S ADVICE AS TO TIMING AND SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION IN JIDDA AND RIYADH, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER SCHEDULED U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY VISITS. PREFERRED TIMING WOULD BE ARRIVAL JIDDA APRIL 11 AND DEPARTURE APRIL 13 OR 14 FOR TEHRAN. HOWEVER, ORDER OF VISITS COULD BE REVERSED IF NECESSARY SO AS TO ARRIVE JIDDA APRIL 14. KISSINGER

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